

## Are You A “Law-keeper?”

## Or A “Law-breaker?”

According to God’s standard, either we have kept ALL of his laws or we have broken them ALL; we are lawbreakers.

*Galatians 3:10 “... Cursed is every one that continueth not in ALL things which are written in the book of the law to do them.”*

*James 2:10 “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”*

A good illustration would be to think of the law as a chain. If we are trying to climb up that chain (the law) to get to God, and even one link breaks, the chain itself is broken and we will fall short of our goal.



*Romans 3:23 “for ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”*

What we have earned for breaking his laws is death and eternal separation from him in hell.

*Romans 6:23a “...the wages of sin is death;”*

We may try to do “good” things to pay for our sins, and to merit God’s favor but he simply cannot accept them, for even they are contaminated with our sin.

Our “good” deeds may look pretty good to other men and women, who are lawbreakers as well, but when God looks at them he sees them as filthy because of our sin.

*Isaiah 64:6 “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses (good deeds) are as filthy rags...”*

As a good tree brings forth good fruit, and an evil tree brings forth evil fruit; a sinful man or woman can only bring forth sinful works.

What about forgiveness? You might ask. Can’t we just ask God to forgive us? God loves us so much that he does desire to forgive us and bring us into his presence. The problem is that God cannot go back on his word.

A just judge on earth would not allow a convicted criminal go free simply upon his request of forgiveness. That would not be justice. The crime must be punished. Because our holy God is far greater than a judge on earth he is even more just, and must punish sin.

Because we have ALL sinned, God has already declared each one of us guilty of sin and sentenced us to death and separation from him. He would not be just if he simply allowed us to go free.



So if we cannot do anything to pay for our sins and God must keep his word and punish our sin, what hope do we have?

The good news is that Jesus Christ, who never sinned, or broke any of God’s laws, took our punishment for us. He suffered and died in our place. Then he rose again the third day conquering death. He served our sentence for us, so that justice could be satisfied and we could be set free. Based upon what Christ has done, forgiveness and eternal life can be ours.

How can we receive this forgiveness through Jesus Christ?

*Romans 6:23b “... the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

*John 3:15 “... whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.”*

**Salvation is a gift from God received by faith alone in his precious Son.**

**When we repent of our sin, seeing it as God does, as wicked and offensive, desiring to turn from it and toward Him instead, and put our faith Jesus Christ alone as our Savior, He will save us.**

*Titus 3:5 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"*



*Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

*John 3:18 "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."*

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**All Scripture Taken From the King James  
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